

LSBME
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: February 18, 2019

Time 9:00 am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Sheila Guidry, Elizabeth Hamilton, Diana Merendino, Michael Nolan, Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dr. Vincent A Culotta, Jr., Elaine Barberot, Lynne Hull. Phyllis Johnson

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:05 am; quorum established	
Approval of Minutes from 12-17-18 (pgs. 1-3)	Minutes reviewed; Phyllis Johnson was recognized at this time as a training supervisor.	Motion made by Michael Nolan to accept minutes; seconded by Sheila Guidry. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes.
Old Business:		
F/U RCAC Recommendations to LSBME (pgs. 4-5)	Raymond presented the RCAC recommendations from the last meeting as submitted to Elaine Barberot, Lynne Hull and Dr. Culotta on 12-28-2018. At the recommendation of the RCAC, the LSBME sent recommendations for Thompson and Shows to complete 30 hours of CEUs prior granting the license. At this time Ms. Thompson has completed the CEU's and there has been no communication from Ms. Shows. Lynne Hull stated the Ms. Shows provisional license would expired on 2-28-19.	Motion made by Elizabeth Hamilton to contact Ms. Shows stating that her in application in process be converted to inactive until CEUs have been completed. Diana Merendino seconded. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes.
F/U Investigative issue (pgs. 6-11)	RT has entered into a Consent Order with the LSBME where effective January 14, 2019 his license to practice as RT was suspended for 6 months. This decree is posted on the LSBME site.	

<p>Draft to RT Practice Act / Rules and Regulations (pgs. 12 – 15)</p>	<p>Dr. Culotta explained that thru legislation an Occupational Licensing Board has been created to review all proposed changes by licensing boards. At this time our changes are with Mr. Bergeron for an initial draft. Upon the completion of this draft, it will come back to the RCAC for review and approval. After approval by the RCAC, the changes will go to the Occupational Licensing Board for review – they will either accept, recommend additional changes or reject. If changes are to occur it comes back before the Occupational Board at their next hearing date for approval. Once fully approved by the Occupational Licensing Board it will move into final phase. The Occupational Licensing Board acts as an oversight board to prevent anti-trust law violation. Dr. Culotta is hoping for April 1st deadline for the draft from Mr. Bergeron for submission to the RCAC</p>	
<p>CE Broker Status</p>	<p>Dr. Culotta is hoping to have CE broker working 2019 (not up yet), so there will be a learning curve to get all information up and running. By 2020 hoping to have it where there is 100% compliance with the uploading of CEU information; anyone with a deficit in the correct number of CEUs will not be issued a license. There is still some questions on how the system will be linked to approved organizations, i.e. LSRC / AARC. Raymond Pisani is going to contact the AARC to make some inquiries. Elaine Barberot stated that there are still some questions on the initial paperwork that are unanswered and that her, Aloma James and Alan Phillips have been working together to finalize it. Dr. Culotta requested that Elaine make an appointment with him and to include Aloma and Alan next week, so questions can be answered.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p> <p>LSBME Newsletter January 2019 (pgs. 16-18)</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani provided the committed with a copy of the LSBME January Newsletter - FYI</p>	

<p>Renewal Notices</p>	<p>Renewal notices are being sent out via email. Diana Merendino stated she did not receive an email, however she renewed her March license a couple of weeks ago – she may have been ahead of the notice. Elizabeth Hamilton has not received an email; Lynne Hull was checking to see if her email address was correct. Dr. Culotta stated he has received his email for his March renewal. Dr. Culotta is going to check into the renewal notifications.</p>	
<p>Lynne Hull Licensing Report</p>	<p>Lynne Hull received an initial licensure application for an individual who had taken the exam CRT exam multiple times and passed on the 10th attempt. The 9th attempt had no score but a date – Diana Merendino stated if there was a date but no attempt, the board has looked at this as a failing attempt. Upon the review of the application it was noted the individual has three licenses to practice respiratory therapy in the states of California, Texas and West Virginia. There was discussion on the need to submit 30 CEU's. This individual is current with her CRT credential from the NBRC. Diana Merendino commented that she wished the NBRC would regulate the attempts and require some remedial process. Raymond Pisani stated he has had this conversation before with Lori Tinkler who stated that the educational programs should be responsible for the remediation processes. Raymond stated Lori Tinkler would be at the LSRC meeting in April and we could speak with her again.</p>	<p>Diana Merendino made a motion to issue a license to the individual upon her submission of 30 CEUs that can be taken from within the last 12 months of her application. Sheila Guidry seconded. There was no further discussion. All present voted yes.</p>
<p>Elaine Barberot Licensing Analyst Supervisor Report</p>	<p>Nothing to report at this time.</p>	

CEU Audits	<p>CEU Audits to be completed on two separate stacks of audits. Birth months have been added to the audit. Elaine Barberot stated that one of the letters that went out asked for CEU material for the calendar year of 2017; in this group of audits there were many with a deficit in the correct number of CEUs. Elaine feels like it was due to letter stating submit for “calendar year of 2017”. Out of the total number of audits completed 25% were non-compliant (26/106) – majority of these were in the first group. Discussion was held over whether to accept due to statement in letter or send notices back to individuals stating the need for additional CEUs (double the number of the deficit of credits, i.e. missing 2 then must submit 4). After much discussion the decision was made to send out delinquent notices. Diana Merendino stated that if she were to get a notice of a shortage, but she knew she had the appropriate number required (some of these were in 2016 so I didn’t submit) – she would resubmit prior to getting the additional units.</p> <p>After the discussion on the CEU issues, Diana Merendino asked if all licensees could take an annual quiz with their renewal and areas of concern from the Practice Act could be tested – with rotating questions. Maybe we could educate the practitioners thru this mechanism i.e. ACLS is only good for 5 CEUs – many are thinking about original law where it was 10.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Hamilton made a motion to investigate the possibility of creating an exam for all initial and renewals to be taken and scored prior to issuance of license with a change in questions asked to relay relevant information that seems to be missed in regards to our practice act. Sheila Guidry seconded. No discussion. All present voted yes.</p>
2019 Meeting Dates	<p>May 6, 2019 August 26, 2019 December 2, 2019</p>	
Meeting Adjourned	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:50am</p>	<p>Mike Nolan made a motion to adjourn meeting; Sheila Guidry seconded. All present voted yes.</p>